

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented): A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device having at least one thin film transistors, said method comprising the steps of:
 - forming a semiconductor layer over a substrate;
 - irradiating said semiconductor layer with a laser beam to crystallize said semiconductor layer; and
 - forming source, drain and channel region of said thin film transistor within said semiconductor layer,wherein said laser beam is a second harmonic component having a wavelength of 532 nm generated from a continuous-oscillate light source,
 - wherein the irradiation of said semiconductor layer is conducted in such a manner that said semiconductor layer is scanned with said laser beam in parallel with a carrier flow direction in said channel region.

2. (Previously presented): A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device having at least one thin film transistors, said method comprising the steps of:
 - forming a semiconductor layer over a substrate;
 - irradiating said semiconductor layer with a linear laser beam to crystallize said semiconductor layer; and
 - forming source, drain and channel region of said thin film transistor within said semiconductor layer,wherein said linear laser beam is a second harmonic component having a wavelength of 532 nm generated from a continuous-oscillate light source,

wherein the irradiation of said semiconductor layer is conducted in such a manner that said semiconductor layer is scanned with said linear laser beam in parallel with a carrier flow direction in said channel region.

3. (Withdrawn): A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device having at least one thin film transistors, said method comprising the steps of:

forming a semiconductor layer over a substrate;

irradiating said semiconductor layer with a laser beam to crystallize said semiconductor layer; and

forming source, drain and channel region of said thin film transistor within said semiconductor layer,

wherein said laser beam is a third harmonic component generated from a continuous-oscillate light source,

wherein the irradiation of said semiconductor layer is conducted in such a manner that said semiconductor layer is scanned with said laser beam in parallel with a carrier flow direction in said channel region.

4. (Withdrawn): A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device having at least one thin film transistors, said method comprising the steps of:

forming a semiconductor layer over a substrate;

irradiating said semiconductor layer with a linear laser beam to crystallize said semiconductor layer; and

forming source, drain and channel region of said thin film transistor within said semiconductor layer,

wherein said linear laser beam is a third harmonic component generated from a continuous-oscillate light source,

wherein the irradiation of said semiconductor layer is conducted in such a manner that said semiconductor layer is scanned with said linear laser beam in parallel with a carrier flow direction in said channel region.

5. (Withdrawn): A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device having at least one thin film transistors, said method comprising the steps of:

forming a semiconductor layer over a substrate;

irradiating said semiconductor layer with a laser beam to crystallize said semiconductor layer; and

forming source, drain and channel region of said thin film transistor within said semiconductor layer,

wherein said laser beam is a second harmonic component of a Nd:YAG laser,

wherein the irradiation of said semiconductor layer is conducted in such a manner that said semiconductor layer is scanned with said laser beam in parallel with a carrier flow direction in said channel region.

6. (Withdrawn): A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device having at least one thin film transistors, said method comprising the steps of:

forming a semiconductor layer over a substrate;

irradiating said semiconductor layer with a linear laser beam to crystallize said semiconductor layer; and

forming source, drain and channel region of said thin film transistor within said semiconductor layer,

wherein said linear laser beam is a second harmonic component of a Nd:YAG laser,

wherein the irradiation of said semiconductor layer is conducted in such a manner that said semiconductor layer is scanned with said linear laser beam in parallel with a carrier flow direction in said channel region.

7. (Withdrawn): A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device having at least one thin film transistors, said method comprising the steps of:

- forming a semiconductor layer over a substrate;
- irradiating said semiconductor layer with a laser beam to crystallize said semiconductor layer; and
- forming source, drain and channel region of said thin film transistor within said semiconductor layer,

wherein said laser beam is a third harmonic component of a Nd:YAG laser,
wherein the irradiation of said semiconductor layer is conducted in such a manner that said semiconductor layer is scanned with said laser beam in parallel with a carrier flow direction in said channel region.

8. (Withdrawn): A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device having at least one thin film transistors, said method comprising the steps of:

- forming a semiconductor layer over a substrate;
- irradiating said semiconductor layer with a linear laser beam to crystallize said semiconductor layer; and
- forming source, drain and channel region of said thin film transistor within said semiconductor layer,

wherein said linear laser beam is a third harmonic component of a Nd:YAG laser,
wherein the irradiation of said semiconductor layer is conducted in such a manner that said semiconductor layer is scanned with said linear laser beam in parallel with a carrier flow direction in said channel region.

9. (Previously presented): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device having at least one thin film transistor, said method comprising the steps of:

- forming a semiconductor layer over a substrate; and

irradiating said semiconductor layer with a linear laser beam to crystallize said semiconductor layer, while moving said substrate in a direction approximately perpendicular to a lengthy direction of said linear laser beam,

wherein said linear laser beam is a second harmonic component having a wavelength of 532 nm generated from a continuous-oscillate light source.

10. (Currently amended): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device having at least one thin film transistor, said method comprising the steps of:

forming a semiconductor layer over a substrate;

irradiating said semiconductor layer with a laser beam to crystallize said semiconductor layer; and

patterning the crystallized semiconductor layer to form an active layer of said thin film transistor[[,]]; and

forming source, drain and channel regions of said thin film transistor in said active layer,

wherein said laser beam is a second harmonic component having a wavelength of 532 nm generated from a continuous-oscillate light source[[]], and

wherein the irradiation of said semiconductor layer is conducted in such a manner that said semiconductor layer is scanned with said laser beam in parallel with a direction in which a carrier flows from said source region to said drain region.

11. (Withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device having at least one thin film transistor, said method comprising the steps of:

forming a semiconductor layer over a substrate; and

irradiating said semiconductor layer with a linear laser beam to crystallize said semiconductor layer, while moving said substrate in a direction approximately perpendicular to a lengthy direction of said linear laser beam,

wherein said linear laser beam is a third harmonic component generated from a continuous-oscillate light source.

12. (Withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device having at least one thin film transistor, said method comprising the steps of:

forming a semiconductor layer over a substrate;

irradiating said semiconductor layer with a laser beam to crystallize said semiconductor layer; and

patterning the crystallized semiconductor layer to form an active layer of said thin film transistor,

wherein said laser beam is a third harmonic component generated from a continuous-oscillate light source.

13. (Withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device having at least one thin film transistor, said method comprising the steps of:

forming a semiconductor layer over a substrate; and

irradiating said semiconductor layer with a linear laser beam to crystallize said semiconductor layer, while moving said substrate in a direction approximately perpendicular to a lengthy direction of said linear laser beam,

wherein said linear laser beam is a second harmonic component of a Nd:YAG laser.

14. (Withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device having at least one thin film transistor, said method comprising the steps of:

forming a semiconductor layer over a substrate;

irradiating said semiconductor layer with a laser beam to crystallize said semiconductor layer; and

patterning the crystallized semiconductor layer to form an active layer of said thin film transistor,

wherein said laser beam is a second harmonic component of a Nd:YAG laser.

15. (Withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device having at least one thin film transistor, said method comprising the steps of:

forming a semiconductor layer over a substrate; and

irradiating said semiconductor layer with a linear laser beam to crystallize said semiconductor layer, while moving said substrate in a direction approximately perpendicular to a lengthy direction of said linear laser beam,

wherein said linear laser beam is a third harmonic component of a Nd:YAG laser.

16. (Withdrawn): A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device having at least one thin film transistor, said method comprising the steps of:

forming a semiconductor layer over a substrate;

irradiating said semiconductor layer with a laser beam to crystallize said semiconductor layer; and

patterning the crystallized semiconductor layer to form an active layer of said thin film transistor,

wherein said laser beam is a third harmonic component of a Nd:YAG laser.

17. (Previously presented): A method according to any one of claims 1, 2, 9 and 10, wherein said semiconductor layer comprises amorphous silicon.

18. (Previously presented): A method according to any one of claims 1, 2, 9 and 10, wherein said semiconductor layer comprises silicon and germanium.

19. (Previously presented): A method according to any one of claims 1, 2, 9 and 10, wherein the crystallized semiconductor layer contains carbon at a concentration not higher than 5×10^{18} atoms/cm³.

20. (Previously presented): A method according to any one of claims 1, 2, 9 and 10, wherein the crystallized semiconductor layer contains oxygen at a concentration not higher than 5×10^{19} atoms/cm³.